

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total oil refining and gas production capacity of public and private sector oil refineries during the last three years, Oil Marketing Company/product-wise;
- (b) the total production and consumption of petroleum products including crude oil and gas in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether the production capacity of oil production and gas has registered a decline during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to increase the production capacity of public and private sector oil refinery companies in order to meet the rising demand of petroleum products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): The total installed oil refining capacity in public and private sector oil refineries, production of petroleum products product-wise, production of Natural Gas, Crude Oil and the consumption of petroleum products and Natural Gas during the last three years is given in Table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively in the Annexure.

(c) and (d): While indigenous crude oil production remained more or less same during the last three years, natural gas production has declined in these period. The natural gas production has declined from 47.56 BCM in 2011-12 to 35.41 in 2013-14. The main reason for decline in natural gas production is low production in D-6 KG Gas blocks.

(e) Consequent on the de-licensing of the refinery sector in June, 1998, a refinery can be set up anywhere in India (or its capacity augmented) by a Private or Public Sector Enterprise depending on its techno-commercial viability. The refining capacity as on 1.4.2014 is 215.066 MMTPA against the projected demand of petroleum products to the tune of 160.0 MMT during 2014-15. Thus, the installed refining capacity exceeds the domestic demand at present.